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## Division of Insurance: Community Meeting on the Affordable Care Act Why does geography affect your health insurance premium?

**Denver** – Consumers in northern Colorado with questions about how geography impacts health insurance premiums will have an opportunity to get answers. The Division of Insurance (DOI) is holding a community meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Island Grove Events Center in Greeley. **For more information about the meeting contact DOI at 1-800-930-3745** 

Commissioner of Insurance Marguerite Salazar and other DOI officials will discuss geographic ratings, which allow insurance carriers to vary premiums among regions. Other health insurance coverage topics will also be addressed. The DOI plans additional meetings in the coming months in the following areas: the mountain regions, Western Slope, Southern Colorado and the Denver Metro area.

"We know that many consumers have questions about why insurance premiums vary from one area of the state to another," said Commissioner Salazar. "With all of the changes in the world of health insurance, we want to answer questions and start a discussion on this topic."

## **Community Meeting Details**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Location:** Island Grove Event Center

West Conference Rooms A & B

421 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Greeley, Colorado 80631

**More info:** Call the DOI at 1-800-930-3745

Even if people cannot attend the meeting, consumers can always call DOI for guidance. The Division has trained experts ready to answer consumers' health insurance questions and provide easy-to-understand information. Call **303-894-7490** in the Denver area, or **1-800-930-3745** outside the metro area, or visit <a href="https://www.dora.colorado.gov/healthinsurance">www.dora.colorado.gov/healthinsurance</a>.

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